subsequently, at his/her own convenience, within a time span of six-seven years. The Distance Education Council, which has been set up as a Statutory authority under the IGNOU Act, provides training and workshops at Correspondence Course Institutes with a view to strengthening the processes under the open and distance learning system.

Review of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

401. SHRI C.R THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' programme in States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted for creation of additional infrastructure to implement the programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures to be undertaken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Review of implementation is a continuous process under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and this is carried out periodically through meetings and vfsits to the States.

(c) to (e) The Government of India had sanctioned funds to States under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for pre-project activities including household survey, community based micro planning and school mapping and diagnostic studies. Most of the State Governments have completed these activities and based on their assessment, prepared detailed District Elementary Education Plans incorporating the requirement of additional infrastructure for sanction under the programme.

The District Elementary Education Plans (Annual Plans 2002-03) in respect of 362 District received from the various State Governments have been appraised and sanctioned by the Project Approval Board at a total outlay of Rs. 1809.41 crores (up to 15.11.2002).